

Affordable Housing

The Illinois Housing Planning Mandate: Impact of Compliance on Municipal Approaches Toward Affordable Housing Provision in Suburban Chicago



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Problem

- Some suburbs in the US are resistant to affordable housing programs:
 - maintain strong housing markets
 - strong tax base
- This leads to:
 - suburban residential inequality
 - a lack of affordable housing

Problem

Therefore: a state mandate
- Illinois Affordable Housing and Planning Act

- Requires local officials to prepare plans for their municipality

Research question

Has the process of complying with the Illinois Housing Planning Mandate changed the way suburban cities in the Chicago Metropolitan Area are approaching affordable housing policy?

Research question

• Sub-questions:

- What are the main problems suburban cities in Chicago face with regard to developing affordable housing?
- What kinds of plans or policies were in place before the state mandate was introduced?
- Do city residents support the mandate?
- Do local governments and the state have conflicting goals concerning affordable housing? If yes, what kinds of goals are in conflict?
- What is the likelihood the mandate will help increase affordable housing availability?

Motivation

- The situation in the US is very different from the situation in the Netherlands
- Try to find out how the mandate works
- Power relations between local and state government
- Affordable housing is a hot topic

Background

- Shortage of affordable housing in the US
- Decentralized governance and declining federal leadership

Research Design

- Literature research
 - Affordable housing
 - Governance in the US
 - Residential inequality
- Case study Chicago: Interviews
 - Urban Planners of Highland Park and Ford Heights
 - Affordable housing experts
 - State officials

Main literature reviewed sofar

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Questions?